

Frederick County HealthCare Coalition Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 4, 2007

Location: Frederick County Health Department

Attendance: Barbara Brookmyer
Pat Hanberry
Leigh Joos
David Liddle
Helen Monk
Maria Shuck
Tom Werner
Jim Williams (chair)

Excused: Gail Griffin

Committee Reports

Prescription Subcommittee

Last meeting 8/8 and next meeting 9/12. FMH CME presentation 9/14 @12:30. Developing ideas for legislative agenda. Facilitating a pilot program with a number of pharmaceutical companies to make brand name medications available through Medbank of Maryland Pharmacy for free up to 90 days to address the "Time Gap" problem previously articulated by Tom Werner.

Availability Subcommittee

Met 8/22 with presentation of 211 as a resource. Resource guide single page reference draft expected end of September. A second page to have more information on Medicaid and MCHIP programs. Plan to learn more about provider enrollment issues for Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. To find out which practices are open to enrollees of each MCO, one can call FCHD's ACCU office at 301-600-3348. If providers are experiencing difficulty with services/benefits, medications, and/or preauthorizations they should call the State's Provider Hotline at 1-800-766-8692 to make sure their issue is at least registered and hopefully resolved.

Affordability Subcommittee

Met 7/17. Carol, Helen, Ken, Pat, Doreen met with Congressman Bartlett last week to discuss the Federal State Children's Health Insurance Program. Apparently his position is against SCHIP as it is currently written. He expressed an opinion that there is no access to care problems because people can go to an emergency room. Also working on identifying presenters for a December Coalition meeting with a focus on the upcoming General Assembly session. December 12th is the date that is available to the 2 speakers.

Need Assessment Subcommittee

No meeting since last Executive Committee. Contractor, PRC, aiming for September 17th profile delivery date. PRC project lead to deliver presentation to Needs Assessment Committee Oct. 1st, to the BOCC October 2nd, and to the full Coalition October 3rd. **The Health Department and Committee will develop media and public outreach plan.**

Old Business

October 3rd Coalition Meeting

Community Health profile presentation will be the main agenda topic. Room scheduled for 80 persons. Committee reports to be presented in beginning with 5 minutes or less. A one-page summary of each Committee's accomplishments is to be distributed at the meeting. Format should include committee name, objectives, accomplishments with contact and meeting times with bottom. Then Community Health Profile presentation to last appropriately one hour with 30 minutes for questions and answers. Chairs may arrange for to meet with new persons interested in getting more information about Committee afterward. **Plan to send an invitation to the October 3 Coalition meeting to the delegation and Congressman and the focus group participants. Jim Williams to identify a mechanism to announce meeting to FMH clinicians.**

Organizational Membership & Dues

Majority response from Committee members is to NOT collect dues at this time.

A motion made by David Liddle and seconded by Leigh Joos – “At this time the Executive Committee will not institute dues until need and use clarified.” The motion was approved with unanimous support.

Budget

Executive Committee members to send thoughts about budget to Jim Williams.

New Business

Grants

Letters of intent for \$2.2M IT/communications grant from Community Health Resources Commission due this week. Unknown whether anyone from Frederick County applying.

Kaiser grant awarded to Frederick County Health Department in amount of \$50,000 to pay for primary care and specialty care for persons with incomes up to 200% of Federal Poverty Level. Physicians are sought for developing operational details of program and also to provides services for a negotiate rate. There was also funding to provide technical assistance that would benefit the Coalition's efforts – grant writing and technical assistance related to engaging the community at-large and physician community in efforts to expand access to care.

Wellness

Frederick News Post editorial on Wellness today underscores dropping US status. There was discussion of value of establishment an ad hoc committee on Wellness. An existing child focused wellness group, Child Health Partnership, was mentioned. **There was a motion made by Tom Werner and seconded by ____? - To bring to a vote the**

establishment of an ad hoc committee on wellness after the needs assessment is completed. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting dates – October 1st, October 15th, November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd, and December 17th.

Adjournment: 9:35AM